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on the national, provincial, and district levels as illustrated by the following organization of the Yongch'ŏn-myŏn (124-23, 39-48) (XE 1806) headquarters:

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Central Fatherland Defense Committee

Location: P'yongyang

Chairman: SIN Hyŏk (申 赫), term expired May 1951.4

Accounting Department
Propaganda Department
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Provincial Committee, North P'yŏngan Province

Chairman: NA In-ho (羅 仁 호),

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Chairman, Yongch'ŏn committee: YIM Li-won (임리원)

Accounting Department
Director: YI Chan-paek (이찬백)

Propaganda Department
Director: KIM Ung-hae (김응해)

Lesser Directors: CHONG Won-chan (정원찬).
CH'OE Tae-sik (최태식).

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[redacted] Director: PAK Yong-ku ( ), 24 ye[redacted] old.

Myon Battalion

Battalion commander
Company commander
Section commander
Squad commander

8. Each ordinary district director of the defense association, who was assigned to control association activities in three myons, was responsible for the military training of men between the ages of 16 and 50, the collection of comfort goods and money for North Korean and Chinese troops, aiding the families of North Korean soldiers, and the recruiting of association members. The district director transmitted instructions of the district committee to the myon battalions. [redacted] twelve wounded North Korean army officers were ordered to supervise the training program of the Yongchon association. After recall [redacted] the majority of these officers were discharged. 50X1-HUM

9. [redacted] the Hwanghae provincial office of the association was at Kor[redacted] (126-01, 38-29) (YE 5463). KIM Won-sop ( ) [redacted] was chairman of the association's Changsun-kun (approximately 125-41, 38-16) (YC 3538) office at Changyon (125-06, 38-15) (XC 8435). All persons sixteen years of age and older were conscripted as association members. The men participated in three hours of military training one night each week. The training program was so organized that the men of a single ri formed a platoon, the men of three ri, a company, the men of a single myon, a battalion, the men of a single kun, a regiment, and the men of a province, a division. Once a year the drill programs for the ri, myon, kun, and province were conducted collectively in the governing town of the kun. At the end of August 1951 association membership in Changyon-kun was approximately 10,000 men, and in Mokkam-myon (125-13, 38-09) (XC 9424) approximately 1,500 men. Five thousand men were being trained in Changyon-kun. Farming activities, physical handicaps, and dislike of training were responsible for the gap between the number of men available for conscription and the number of men being trained. Excuses of illness or accident waived punishment for failure to report for training. Five won was being collected monthly from association members and sent to the central office at P'yongyang through the myon, kun, and province leve[redacted]. Only [redacted] 50X1-HUM ILLEGIB

1. [redacted] Comment. In August 1951, PAK Un-chol was chairman of the central committee, according to information available to this office. 50X1-HUM

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1. In April 1951 approximately 3,600 United Nations prisoners of war, assembled from the POW camp at P'yongyang in the Sadong (125-49, 39-01) (YD-4422) area, were organized into the 2018 Regiment to be used on construction projects. Prisoner investigation included age, name, address, unit, rank, property, training, and labor experience. The regiment included four battalions; each battalion, four companies; each company, four platoons and one technical platoon; and each platoon, three squads. Normal platoon strength was fifty men, and technical platoon strength, twenty-five men. No arms were issued to the regiment. The regiment enlarged the P'yongyang Mirim-ni airport[1] (125-51, 39-01) (YD-4722) to approximately twice its former size and built the field's only runway. This runway, approximately eight hundred meters long and one hundred meters wide, was built with concrete. Twenty sheds, approximately twenty feet high, were erected with straw bags of sand around the airport. The work at the airport was completed in June 1951.

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2. **In early July there was selected from United Nations and ROK prisoners of war those technicians familiar with the production and repair of machine guns and tanks captured from the United Nations and ROK forces, and dispatching these prisoners to military training bases in China instead of POW camps.**

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3. In mid-October 1951, South Koreans[2] taken north by the Communists when they first retreated from the ROK were being held in a prison camp in the Hakp'o Mine (129-20, 40-55) (EA-2829) area. Because of heavy air strikes, about 250 persons in the camp were killed, and the remaining 1,800 prisoners were moved to other areas, one of them being Kirin, Manchuria. Some were forced to work on the building of roads and the repair of mines. Those prisoners not regarded as dangerous by the Ministry of Social Security were taken to mining areas at Unsan (125-48, 39-58) (YE-3927) and Ch'ongsong-dong (126-14, 39-52) (XE-9115), where their living conditions in November 1951 were poor. Meals consisted of only two hops[3] of mixed grains from Manchuria, and water was very scarce. Deaths from malnutrition or suicide were frequent.

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1. [redacted] Comment. In August 1951 the single runway of the airfield, approximately one kilometer north of Mirim-ni, ran southeast to northwest, according to a report from another governmental agency 50X1-HUM

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2. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] whether these prisoners are civilian or military; the date when they were picked up suggests the former but the camps at the mines are referred to [redacted] as "prisoner of war" camps.

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3. [redacted] Comment. Two hops is slightly more than half a pint. 50X1-HUM

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1. laborers were required by the North Korean government to do construction work at least fifty to seventy-five miles from their homes. On the advice of the joint Soviet-Chinese-North Korean military commission, however, North Korean laborers after mid-October were required to work at Chinese Communist military bases and Chinese Communist laborers at North Korean bases. Limiting personnel evasion and strengthening security were the objectives of the policy change.

2. approximately 300,000 (sic) Chinese laborers were at forty North Korean airfields camouflaging hangars and runways. The airfields included Hoeryong (129-45, 42-26) (EB-6298), Uiju (124-32, 40-12) (XE-3051), Pakchon (125-35, 39-44) (YE-2101), and Yonp'o (127-31, 39-47) (CV-7304). Another group of laborers was expected to be conscripted for similar work

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[redacted] Outer Mongolian cavalry division under TOU Mi-hou (鄧洋俊) arrived at Antung to reinforce North Korean troops in accord with the order of the Soviet military committee, acting upon the request of General Shtykov, ambassador plenipotentiary to North Korea. By mid-October two regiments of the division had moved to Pyongyang as an advance force. Horses used by the division were Mongolian ponies. The men were armed only with rifles.

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